**About Shakespeare**  
Click on [this link](http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/timeline/timeline.htm) and answer the following questions (1-7).

1. Click on the link to Birth 1564 & Early Years. William Shakespeare was born in what year?

* 1564

1. What date do we recognize as his birthday?

* April 23

1. What was important about Stratford-upon-Avon in the 16th century?

* It was an important agricultural center and market town

1. Click on the link for 1594 and find the acting companies Shakespeare was associated with in the early days. Name one.

* The Queen’s Men

1. Click on 1599 The Great Globe. What is the probable year that Romeo and Juliet was written?

* 1595

1. Scroll down to the section "Construction of the Globe," and answer these questions:
   1. Where did the timbers to build the Globe come from?

* They got the timbers from another theatre
  1. Who was the carpenter who built the Globe?
* It was built by Peter Smith
  1. What was Shakespeare's share as "householder?"

1. What day and year did Shakespeare die? Why is this an *interesting* date? How old was Shakespeare when he died?

* April 23,1616

**About Marriage**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/9.html) and answer the next questions (8-10).

1. Romeo & Juliet marry secretly, but because she is trying to escape the arranged marriage to Paris. Read this site about marriage in Elizabethan England and answer these questions.
   1. What does betrothal mean?

* A sort of contract between the people that are getting married.
  1. Name three marriage and betrothal customs found on this page.
* They place a ring on each other’s right hand before the ceremony, they place the ring on the left hand when they get married, and they seal the contract with a kiss.

1. Click on the link for "more wedding customs."
   1. What color should the bride's dress be?

* It can be any fashionable colors or simply her best clothes
  1. How is the intention to marry announced? What happens if it is not announced previous to the event?
* It has to be announced in the church 3 times
  1. Describe the wedding procession.
* It is a religious ceremony almost always done by a minister
  1. What is a dowry?
* The amount of money, property, and goods the bride brings to the wedding.

1. Explain how important is a wedding ring to the Elizabethans?

* They believe the wedding ring stands for love.

**About Food**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/46.html) and continue (11-13).

1. How many meals do people generally eat each day?

* Generally people eat two meals a day

1. Click [here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/38.html). Why would people in Shakespeare's day not know what a chocolate chip cookie is?

* Chocolate was not in use, except for small bit of chocolate which was very bitter.

1. Lord Capulet throws a huge party, feast and all. Imagine you are in charge of that menu. Luckily for you, today you only have to plan a menu for a small dinner party. Be sure to use only [food available in Europe](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/47.html) during this time. Choose at least two vegetables, two meats, and two fruits or nuts.

* I would serve Peas, onions, apples, apricots, veal, and duck

**About Language**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/20.html) and continue (14-16).

1. A famous line from Romeo and Juliet is when Juliet says, "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" What does "wherefore" mean?

* It means where are you Romeo

1. What does "stay" mean?

* It means wait

1. [Click here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/29.html) to get the information you need to translate this conversation. Put your translation in column two. Keep the phrases just about the same, but use Elizabethan words where you can. So, in other words, you rewrite the entire phrase but replace as many words as you can using Elizabethan English.

|| **Person A** || Hello. (A sneezes) Excuse me. || ||

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| **Person B** | Gesundheit! |  |
| **A** | Thank you. |  |
| **B** | Say, do you know where the closest bathroom is? |  |
| **A** | Certainly. It's down the street in the Kings Tavern. |  |
| **B** | Thanks. Goodbye. |  |

**About Theatre in Shakespeare's Time**  
"[Actors, Acting, & Audience](http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/englisch/shakespeare/)" is the link for the next questions (16-19).

1. How many women actors did the company usually feature?

* None

1. Was Shakespeare an actor? What was the term used to refer to actors?

* He was an actor, They were called players

1. How were the seating arrangements for the audience? How did one get a good seat?

* The more health you have the better the seat you had

1. What would the audience do if they did not like a performance?

* They would leave or boo

**Shakespearean Insults**

1. Go to the [Shakespearean Insult Kit](http://www.mit.edu:8001/people/dryfoo/Funny-pages/shakespeare-insult-kit.html) and create your own insult. How you do it is to start with the word "Thou." Next, take a phrase/word from the first column to begin your insult, continue by adding something from the second column, and finish it up royally with something from the third column. Type your own personal Shakespearean insult in the table below. [Thou + choice from column 1 + choice from column 2 + choice from column 3 = your custom made insult].

Thou clouted dog- hearted barnacle.